

## WHAT CHANCE HA



## PEOPLE ARE ASKING QUESTIONS

Naturally no sane person cares "to jump out of the frying pan into the fire." Sane people always want to know, they are from Missouri and must be shown.

Since the matter of taking the State Superintendent of Public Instruction out of politics and of allowing him to succeed himself, has been widely discussed in the papers of the State, the sane people are asking themselves and other people questions. Some of them are asking, "If the office is taken out of politics and he is to succeed himself, will he be appointed by a board or will he be elected, and how?" Others are asking, "But if he is allowed to succeed himself in office mightn't a shrewd fellow get in and stay in for ever and ever?" These questions are the ones which every sane taxpayer and voter in the State should ask himself.

Before answering these very pointed questions for the sane people of the State, it should be stated, and stated emphatically, that people everywhere are extremely anxious to get the schools and the whole school system out of politics. The point which both the parent and voter is: what is the best method so that definite results will be accomplished? If the legislature which convenes this winter should pass favorably on the amendment eliminating the name, "State Superintendent of Public Instruction," from the Constitution, it would still have to be voted upon by the people of the State at a regular election. After the amendment had been passed both by the legislature and the people, the manner of selecting or electing a superintendent would be taken up by the legislature of the State.

If the people acting through their representatives in the legislature, still wished to elect the State Superintendent, it could be done on an "off year" when no State officers were being

elected. In other words, it would not then be possible for him to be swept into office because he happened to be on the Republican or Democratic ticket. To make the necessity for an election at other than a regular State election clear, it need only be stated that nine out of every ten men who go to the polls, never know even the names of the men who are running for the office of State Superintendent. If anyone doubts the absolute accuracy of this statement, he should ask himself and nine other men the names of the two men for whom the people voted for State Superintendent last November.

A second plan for the securing of an efficient man for this most important position would be to have him appointed by a strong, non-partisan School Board. It must, however, be understood thoroughly that such a board would have to represent the mass of people of the whole State as well as the school men and women in either of the above cases, it would always be to the distinct advantage of the State Superintendent to "make good" so that he might continue in office. Under the present system he must hold the office for four years, then go back to teaching or he must use his position to secure for himself some other political office.

That the schools, and especially the rural schools, must be gotten out of politics goes without saying. The people and the legislators are sure to see this in a big, broad, patriotic way and carry the amendment. Afterward, the legislature can surely be trusted to learn what other states are doing with this most important office and then decide what is best for the school children of the State. The time is now ripe to act, because the people and the men who will represent them at Frankfort this winter, will be more than willing to do anything in their power to further the interest of the children who can not help themselves.

## THE HOPE OF THE NEW YEAR



## WHAT OF THE NEW YEAR?

As clanging bells send their glad message of the birth of a Happy New Year out upon the cold crisp air, it is always well to take stock of one's self. The Kentucky farmer has many things for which he may be duly thankful as the Old Year dies. Bountiful crops and soaring farm land values make his life very much worth while. His automobile skimming over the many new hard roads built in 1915 make rural life easier and more pleasant than in the past. Phonographs and telephones in increasing numbers make the rural home a happier and a better place in which to live and to rear a family.

All of these good things are making the farmer, his wife and his children—ah! Has the farmer forgotten his children? The holidays will soon be over; then these children must go

back to the little rural school. This school is about the only thing with which the farmer and his family come in contact, that is not a part of the present century. It is the one thing for which neither he nor his family can give thanks this Happy New Year. Every farmer should realize as the New Year is ushered in with the sound of bells on the fresh night air, that soaring land values, bumper crops and snug bank accounts do not make a community, a great State or a Strong Nation. If a small percentage of the bountiful crops, the snug bank accounts and the soaring land values, were carefully invested in real schools for real children, then the farmer might feel safe for the future. All things are possible in a well educated community. What is your schoolhouse like as 1916 is on the threshold of Kentucky?

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Charles Philbeck and wife of Mt. Vernon, were the guests of Sarah Wallen Sunday. They came out to look over their farm they recently purchased from George Bradley.—Mrs. Matilda Houk, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday and was brought here for burial Tuesday. The writer has known Mrs. Houk for several years and to me she always seemed an almost perfect type of Christian womanhood.—Mr. C. H. Burnette, of Berea, visited his sister, Mrs. Sarah Wallen, last week.—Miss George Lewis, of the Freedom section, was the guest of Misses Roxie and Hattie Thompson first of the week.—Last Saturday, while visiting with another little girl, Mrs. W. H. Hunt and Mrs. Neff are on the sick list.

## Hopewell

Herman Barnes spent Sunday night with Shirley Carmical.—We have been having very rough weather for the past two weeks and the roads are almost past traveling in places.—Hugbie, the four months old child of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Carmical, is numbered among the sick.—W. M. Nicely, of this place, is at London having his eyes treated.—Rev. Carmical filled his appointment at Mt. Pleasant Sunday.—Married at home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milt Payne, January 6th, their daughter, Miss Sarah, and Mr. William Bullock. May their lives be full of sunshine and peace.

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FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY, IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the matter of DAVID COLE, A Bankrupt.

On this 10th day of January, A. D. 1916, on considering the petition of the aforesaid bankrupt for discharge, filed on the 4th day of December, A. D. 1915, it is ordered by the Court that a hearing be had upon the same on the 22, day of February, A. D. 1916, before said Court at Covington in said district at 10 o'clock, in the forenoon, or as near thereto as practicable, and that notice thereof be published one time in the MT. VERNON SIGNAL, a newspaper printed in said district, and all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear at said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

Witness their Hon. A. M. J. Cochran, Judge of said Court, and the seal thereof, at London in said district, on the 10th day of Jan. A. D. 1916.

J. W. MENZIES, Clerk,  
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